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SANITARY REPORTS FROM OTHER PORTS.

BRAZIL.

Plague in Santos and Sao Paulo.

November 17.—Acting Assistant Surgeon Havelburg reports as follows: Up to the present time there have been 23 cases with 10 deaths; 7 cured (at Santos). At Sao Paulo there have been 2 cases. This is the situation at present writing, but the feeling is that we have seen the worst and from this time onward matters will improve.

CHINA.

Plague in Niuchang—From a correspondent.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
Washington, D. C., November 14, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose, for your information, a copy of a report received from the consul general at Shanghai with his dispatch of the 11th ultimo, upon the plague in Niuchwang.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

JOHN HAY,
Secretary of State.

Hon. SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY.

[Inclosure.]

Disease spreading.—On the 28th ultimo 40 deaths occurred within quite a small area of the native city, and the price of coffins has risen from 10 to 50 taels, showing that the disease is spreading rapidly. Two cases of plague have already occurred in foreign compounds situated at the extreme west and east of the Foreign Settlement. I am informed that four Russians have been seized with the plague at the Russian Settlement; and in spite of all this evidence of rapid increase we are to possess our souls in patience, for "instructions are hourly expected," and have been for the last ten days. It needs no prophetic inspiration to foretell what will happen if the Peking authorities maintain their passivity.

The Russians are not blind to the danger threatening the prosperity of their operations in Manchuria. They will be justified in raising the voice of protest when, in the face of such crass ineptitude to grapple with the difficulty, they take the management into their own hands, place the town and settlement under martial law, and carry out the necessary sanitary reform "by order of the Czar." Are they, fully alive as they are to the danger of the infection spreading beyond their frontier, likely to tacitly acquiesce in submission to the fatalistic ignorance of Celestial officialdom? I, for one, think not.

OCTOBER 2.

Proposed measures against the spread of plague.

PEKING, CHINA, September 30, 1899.

SIR: I have the honor to inclose herewith copies of correspondence between this legation, the United States vice-consul at Niuchang, and the Tsung li yamen in regard to proposed measures against the spread of the bubonic plague, which now threatens all the treaty ports of north China.

It is hoped that the first frost will kill the germs of this most infectious and dangerous disease, but in the meantime the foreign residents of Niuchang are anxious to have such a strict quarantine established and maintained as will insure them against another outbreak in the spring.